

## Senate Resolution No. 5

By Senators Adams (25th), Adams (30th), Beacham, Beall, Butler, Clarke, Cliett, Collins, Cooley, Drummond, Dye, Folks, Gideons, Graham, Hinely, Horne, Housholder, Johnson, Kanner, Kelly, King, Lewis, Lindler, Maddox, Maines, McKenzie, Parker, Perdue, Price, Rose, Shands, Shepherd, Shuler, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson—

WHEREAS Almighty God in His divine providence has removed from the scene of action Honorable William J. Epperson, a former Senator from the Twenty-first District, who served his district and the State of Florida capably and ably, and

WHEREAS, the Honorable W. J. Epperson was a member of a pioneer family of Florida, much interested in the development of its resources and encouraging good citizenship, and

WHEREAS, this venerable gentleman, splendid citizen, patriot and legislator, at all times had a keen interest in the making of laws and in the welfare of the State of Florida and its citizens,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Florida, that in the passing of the Honorable W. J. Epperson the State of Florida lost a valuable citizen, a man who at all times was interested in the welfare of the State and its citizens, and in his going the State has sustained a great loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and that a copy thereof be forwarded to his bereaved family by the Secretary of State under the Great Seal of the State with the condolences of this Body.

## Senate Resolution No. 6

By Senators Adams (25th), Adams (30th), Beacham, Beall, Butler, Clarke, Cliett, Collins, Cooley, Drummond, Dye, Folks, Gideons, Graham, Hinely, Horne, Housholder, Johnson, Kanner, Kelly, King, Lewis, Lindler, Maddox, Maines, McKenzie, Parker, Perdue, Price, Rose, Shands, Shepherd, Shuler, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson—

Your Committee of the Florida State Senate, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions upon the death of our former fellow-member, James Wilcox Turner, whose death occurred on the 20th day of June, 1940 at Cedar Key, Florida, beg to report as follows:

James Wilcox Turner, the son of Elias Turner and Sophronia Turner, was born in Wilcox County, Georgia, on the 8th day of March, 1878; when a young boy, his parents moved to Polk County, Florida, and in a short while he became a resident of Levy County, Florida, where he spent the remainder of his life.

He graduated in the Academic Department of John B. Stetson University in 1901, and from the Medical Department of Tulane University in 1904. His whole professional life was spent in Levy County; he was regarded as one of the leading physicians in that section of Florida and at different times resided at Otter Creek, Cedar Key and Chiefland.

In 1921 he was elected Senator from Levy County and served continuously from 1921 through the session of 1935. As a Senator, he was regarded as an authority upon legislation affecting public health and conservation, particularly conservation of fish, game and forests. He also had extensive business connections in Levy County where at the time of his death he was engaged in Naval Stores, farming and banking operations.

He was married first to Edith Peacock of Bronson, Florida; upon her death, he was married the second time to Virginia Tooke of Cedar Key, Florida.

Senator Turner left surviving him besides his widow, the following children: James Turner and Julian Turner of Chiefland, Gilbert Turner, Margaret Turner and Sara Turner of Cedar Key, a brother, Dr. Smith L. Turner of Williston, and two sisters, Mrs. E. P. Bowen and Mrs. I. W. Bowen, now deceased, of Tifton, Georgia.

WHEREAS, Almighty God in His divine wisdom has seen fit to take from among us our honored and beloved former member, the Honorable James Wilcox Turner, late a Senator from the twenty-first District of Florida, who, by his courage, courtesy, integrity and distinguished ability, had endeared himself to all who knew him, either in person or by reputation, a man whom we all admired and loved, and in whose counsel and wisdom we had learned to confide. Who to his friends was always fair, and to his opponents considerate, and in his devotion to every duty was firm and unswerving, and

WHEREAS, by his untimely passing the State of Florida lost one of her most able citizens, whose going shall not soon be replaced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Florida in session assembled, that the Senate has learned with deep sorrow and regret of the passing of the Honorable James Wilcox Turner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the death of former Senator James Wilcox Turner, the State of Florida and this Body have lost a true friend, a most valuable citizen and outstanding statesman.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and a copy thereof be transmitted by the Secretary of State under the Great Seal of Florida to the family of James Wilcox Turner.

## Senate Resolution No. 7

By Senators Adams (25th), Adams (30th), Beacham, Beall, Butler, Clarke, Cliett, Collins, Cooley, Drummond, Dye, Folks, Gideons, Graham, Hinely, Horne, Housholder, Johnson, Kanner, Kelly, King, Lewis, Lindler, Maddox, Maines, McKenzie, Parker, Perdue, Price, Rose, Shands, Shepherd, Shuler, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson—

WHEREAS, on December 24, 1939, the final summons came to Honorable S. D. Harris, a former Legislator and former member of this Senate, and an outstanding citizen of Florida; and

WHEREAS, by his death the State of Florida has lost a most valued and patriotic citizen who has long served her interests; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the example of his worthwhile life should be recognized by the Senate in which he served as a public official and Legislator, and be attended with expressions thereof to be recorded in the Journal of this Session: NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA that the Senate does hereby record this memorial and expression of bereavement upon the death of the Honorable S. D. Harris, of Pinellas County, Florida;

### IN MEMORIAM—S. D. HARRIS

S. D. Harris was born in Sumterville, Sumter County, Florida, April 6, 1867. He was the son of Thomas and Permelia Harris. In 1869 he moved to what is now Pinellas County, west of Largo, and resided in Pinellas County until the time of his death in December, 1939. In 1889 he was married to Emma Cone then of Hamilton County, who is now a resident of St. Petersburg, Florida. In 1905 he moved from the middle portion of the county to St. Petersburg where he resided until his death.

He first became interested in politics in 1909 when he, together with the late Senator John S. Taylor who was then a representative, attempted the creation of Pinellas County. This movement failed at that session but succeeded in the 1911 session as a result of which Pinellas County was created, effective on January 1, 1912. He was elected to the House of Representatives for the session of 1917 and served a total of five regular and at least one special session in the House. He was elected to the Senate for the session of 1931 and after the session resigned to accept the position of Juvenile Judge of Pinellas County to which he was appointed by Governor Carlton which position he held until his death. Aside from politics his principal interest was church work. He served continuously as superintendent of a Methodist Sunday school for forty-two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be certified by the Secretary of the State of Florida under the Great Seal of the State of Florida be immediately forwarded to his widow, Mrs. S. D. Harris, and his sons, John D. and S. Henry Harris.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a page of the Journal of the Senate of the State of Florida, and made a permanent record of this Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of our deceased colleague by the Secretary of State under the Great Seal of Florida.

## Senate Resolution No. 8

By Senators Adams (25th), Adams (30th), Beacham, Beall, Butler, Clarke, Cliett, Collins, Cooley, Drummond, Dye, Folks, Gideons, Graham, Hinely, Horne, Housholder, Johnson, Kanner, Kelly, King, Lewis, Lindler, Maddox, Maines, McKenzie, Parker, Perdue, Price, Rose, Shands, Shepherd, Shuler, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson—

WHEREAS, on March 28, 1940, the Honorable ROBERT LUCAS BLACK, the Senator of the Thirty-second District, former Member of the House of Representatives, and an outstanding citizen of Florida, departed this life; and

WHEREAS, by his death we have lost the presence of a beloved associate, whose record as a citizen and Legislator stands forth as an example of patriotism and fidelity to public service; and

WHEREAS, his useful life, his good deeds and patriotic services are worthy of note at death, and should be recognized and attended with proper expressions to be recorded upon the pages of the history of this State; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA that the Senate does hereby record this memorial and expression of bereavement upon the death of the Honorable ROBERT LUCAS BLACK, of Gainesville:

### IN MEMORIAM—ROBERT LUCAS BLACK

Born at Bamberg, in the State of South Carolina, September 30, 1883, his early years and youth were passed in his native State. He had a noteworthy public career, in part as follows: He was honored by his fellow citizens by his election to the office of City Councilman of Gainesville, his adopted home, on numerous occasions, serving about ten years, and served with distinction. He was elected a member of the House of Representatives and served during the session of 1931. Thereafter he was twice elected State Senator of the Thirty-Second Senatorial District. He was a life long member of the Democratic Party. He was a prominent, respected and trustworthy naval stores operator, business man, and farmer. His talents and ability, both as a business man and Legislator, were recognized throughout the confines of the State. He numbered his friends by the myriad and among all classes of persons. Florida has lost a respected and valued citizen and a progressive and trustworthy business man. May the regard and affections of this Senate in this record express to the citizens of the State the esteem that he merits by the people of the State for whom he lived and to whose interests he struggled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions certified by the Secretary of State of Florida under the Great Seal of the State of Florida be immediately forwarded to the bereaved family of Honorable Robert Lucas Black.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a page of the Journal of the Senate of the State of Florida, and made a permanent record of this Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Press.

## Senate Resolution No. 9

By Senators Adams (25th), Adams (30th), Beacham, Beall, Butler, Clarke, Cliett, Collins, Cooley, Drummond, Dye, Folks, Gideons, Graham, Hinely, Horne, Housholder, Johnson, Kanner, Kelly, King, Lewis, Lindler, Maddox, Maines, McKenzie, Parker, Perdue, Price, Rose, Shands, Shepherd, Shuler, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson—

WHEREAS, in January, 1940, Honorable Frank Adams of Jacksonville, Florida, four times Senator from his District and twice President of the Senate of Florida and a valuable citizen of Florida departed this life; and

WHEREAS, by his patriotism, public service and excellent citizenship are worthy of the attention of this Senate and of the citizens of Florida and should be memorialized with proper appreciation and should be permanently recorded in the history of the State of Florida; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA that the Senate does hereby record this memorial and expression of bereavement upon the death of Honorable Frank Adams of Jacksonville, Florida:

### IN MEMORIAM—FRANK ADAMS

Born at White Springs, Hamilton County, Florida, April 11, 1861; educated in the common schools of Florida, a truly self-made man; a respected and honest merchant of Jasper, Florida; a large farmer in Hamilton County, Florida, he removed to Jacksonville, Florida, in 1909 and became President of the Barnett National Bank of Jacksonville in which capacity he served for more than 10 years during which service the institution under his guidance expanded; he was a member of this Senate for 16 years and was twice President of this Senate, a distinction accorded to no other man. A gentleman of the old school, beloved by all to whom known and who knew nearly every one in the State of Florida. Possessed of extraordinary intellect, of the highest principles and of the greatest energy his talents and ability both in the Senate and in the world of business were recognized throughout the State. In his death one of Florida's outstanding sons and citizens has passed. This body holds him in high regard and esteem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions certified by the Secretary of the State of Florida under the Great Seal of the State of Florida be immediately forwarded to the bereaved family of Honorable Frank Adams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a page of the Journal of the Senate of the State of Florida, and made a permanent record of this Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Press.

## Senate Resolution No. 10

By Senators Adams (25th), Adams (30th), Beacham, Beall, Butler, Clarke, Cliett, Collins, Cooley, Drummond, Dye, Folks, Gideons, Graham, Hinely, Horne, Housholder, Johnson, Kanner, Kelly, King, Lewis, Lindler, Maddox, Maines, McKenzie, Parker, Perdue, Price, Rose, Shands, Shepherd, Shuler, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson—

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, June 26th, 1940, the final summons came to Honorable John B. Johnson, one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida, a former State Senator, and former president of the Senate, former Attorney General, and outstanding citizen of Florida; and

WHEREAS, by his death the State of Florida has lost a most valued citizen who has long served her interests, as Legislator, Attorney General and Judge; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the example of his worthwhile life should be recognized by the Senate in which he served with distinction and presided over with dignity and fairness, and be attended with expressions thereof to be recorded in the Journal of this Session: NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA that the Senate does hereby record this memorial and expression of bereavement upon the death of the Honorable JOHN D. JOHNSON, of Tallahassee, Florida;

### IN MEMORIAM—JOHN B. JOHNSON

Born at Live Oak, Suwannee County, Florida; served as Mayor of his native City for several years and also served his County in various positions of Trust and Honor; Elected State Senator from the 17th Senatorial District for several terms and served as the President of the Senate of Florida at the 1917 Session; served as Attorney General of Florida; served many years as Circuit Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Florida. In all phases of his public service, as well as in his private life, Judge Johnson exhibited the qualifications of simplicity, fairness, integrity and fidelity to his convictions and thus endeared himself to those with whom he came in contact, particularly his fellow Senators, and later the members of the Bar whose privilege it was to practice before him.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions certified by the Secretary of the State of Florida under the Great Seal of the State of Florida be immediately forwarded to the bereaved sons of the Honorable John B. Johnson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a page of the Journal of the Senate of the State of Florida, and made a permanent record of this Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Press.

## Senate Resolution No. 11

By Senators Adams (25th), Adams (30th), Beacham, Beall, Butler, Clarke, Cliett, Collins, Cooley, Drummond, Dye, Folks, Gideons, Graham, Hinely, Horne, Housholder, Johnson, Kanner, Kelly, King, Lewis, Lindler, Maddox, Maines, McKenzie, Parker, Perdue, Price, Rose, Shands, Shepherd, Shuler, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson—

WHEREAS, on March 8, 1941, Brigadier General W. A. MacWilliams, distinguished attorney and former member of the State and local bar associations and former member of the State Senate departed this life; and

WHEREAS, his patriotism, public service as a lawyer, legislator and citizen command the attention of this Senate and of the citizens of Florida and it is proper that same should be memorialized and that permanent record thereof be made in the history of the State of Florida; NOW THEREFORE

### IN MEMORIAM—HONORABLE W. A. MacWILLIAMS

Born January 9, 1863 at Camden, New Jersey, coming to Florida in 1885, first to Jacksonville and later to St. Augustine. He attended the public schools at Baltimore, Maryland, and Baltimore City College, but at the age of fourteen was compelled to leave school to earn his living. In early manhood he had ambitions to be a lawyer and studied at night after his daily work. He was admitted to the Bar in Baltimore and to the Bar of this State on June 11, 1885, at the age of twenty-two. He was with the organization of the St. Augustine Guards, a military company, being its first lieutenant, and his connection with the militia of the state from that time had been continuous up until a few years ago. He had held the rank of first lieutenant, captain, colonel and brigadier general, and at one time was adjutant general of the state. He was acting adjutant general and had control of the City of Jacksonville immediately after the fire of 1901. Governor Jennings in his message to the legislature paid him a well-deserved tribute for his handling of the situation in Jacksonville. He later was placed on the retired list of the Florida National Guard.

He was one of the organizers of the Florida State Bar Association, and an active member of that body. He was its President in 1912.

During his political career he filled the offices of justice of the peace, county judge, city judge, city attorney, county attorney, representative of the Legislature, and a member of the Florida Senate, of which he was president in 1921 and 1922, he having served in the legislature of the state about a quarter of a century.

He always took an active part in matters pertaining to the welfare of the city and state and had many prominent and warm friends throughout Florida and other states. He has been regarded as one of the most successful lawyers of his time.

In his passing this State has lost a valuable citizen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions certified by the Secretary of the State of Florida under the Great Seal of the State of Florida be immediately forwarded to the bereaved family of Honorable W. A. MacWilliams.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a page of the Journal of the Senate of the State of Florida, and made a permanent record of this Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Press.

## Senate Resolution No. 12

By Senators Adams (25th), Adams (30th), Beacham, Beall, Butler, Clarke, Cliett, Collins, Cooley, Drummond, Dye, Folks, Gideons, Graham, Hinely, Horne, Housholder, Johnson, Kanner, Kelly, King, Lewis, Lindler, Maddox, Maines, McKenzie, Parker, Perdue, Price, Rose, Shands, Shepherd, Shuler, Smith, Taylor, Ward, Whitaker, Wilson.

WHEREAS, the HONORABLE WILLIAM C. HODGES of Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, died on the 17th day of January, 1940; and

WHEREAS, the HONORABLE WILLIAM C. HODGES was held in the greatest affection and highest esteem by his brother Senators; and

WHEREAS, in the death of WILLIAM C. HODGES the County of Leon and the State of Florida have lost a most capable, esteemed and valuable public spirited citizen and State Senator; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA in regular session that the Senate take note of the passing of one of its honored and beloved members:

### IN MEMORIAM—WILLIAM C. HODGES

This long and continuous service is believed to be unequalled in the history of any State Senate, and the late Senator was additionally honored by being chosen President of the 1935 Session, and during the two years tenure of this office his position was equivalent to that of Lieutenant Governor of the State.

For many years Mr. Hodges was Chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate, and favored and worked unceasingly for adequate appropriations for State Institutions and departments, and liberal salaries for state employees.

His outstanding triumph as a legislator was his aid in securing the adoption of an amendment to the State Constitution exempting homesteads up to five thousand dollars in value from ordinary taxation. As a citizen, his support contributed materially to its ratification by the people in the general election of 1934.

Mr. Hodges was nominated for Governor by the Progressive Party in 1912. Thereafter his allegiance was given to the Democratic Party and he was a strong candidate for the Gubernatorial nomination in the party primary in 1936.

Born in Ashton, Illinois, in January 1876, Mr. Hodges removed with his parents to Florida in 1897, thereafter making Tallahassee his home. During the last few years he was the owner of the estate "Goodwood" in the historic LaFayette Grant. There it was his great pleasure, assisted by his charming wife, to entertain fellow members of the Legislature, and other friends. From this beautiful and peaceful home he passed to the future life after an illness of a few hours.

Mr. Hodges was famed for his charities and for his philanthropies, as well as for his hospitality. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, active in civic work of various kinds, and was outstanding in the practice of law, his chosen profession, and as a student and a lover of art. His consistent interest in the welfare of the Florida State College for Women, in Tallahassee, found final expression in the generous provisions of his will.

May the regard and affection of this Senate in this record express to the citizens of the State the esteem that he merits by the people of the State for whom he lived and to whose interests he struggled.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions certified by the Secretary of State of Florida under the Great Seal of the State of Florida be immediately forwarded to the bereaved family of Honorable William C. Hodges.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon a page of the Journal of the Senate of the State of Florida, and made a permanent record of this Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Press.